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### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### FOR THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

KIMBERLY ALEKSICK, individually and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

7-ELEVEN, INC., a Texas Corporation; MICHAEL TUCKER; an individual; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. ECU03615

Assigned for All Purposes to: Hon. Christopher W. Yeager, Department 7

**DEFENDANT 7-ELEVEN INC.'S** RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, SET **TWO** 

Date Action Filed: April 16, 2007

PLAINTIFF KIMBERLY ALEKSICK PROPOUNDING PARTY:

DEFENDANT 7-ELEVEN, INC **RESPONDING PARTY:** 

TWO (2) SET NO.:

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 2031.210 et seq., defendant 7-Eleven, Inc. ("Defendant" or "7-Eleven") hereby objects and responds to plaintiff Kimberly Aleksick's ("Plaintiff" or "Aleksick") Request for Production of Documents, Set Two ("Requests") as follows:

DEF 7-ELEVEN INC.'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, SET ONE

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### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Defendant generally objects to plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents, Set Two, on the grounds that the Requests are burdensome, oppressive, vague, ambiguous and unintelligible. Defendant also objects to plaintiff's Requests on the grounds that they are intended to vex and harass Defendant in that many of the Requests are duplicative of other Requests for Production and/or discovery. Defendant further objects on the grounds that some Requests are overly broad as to the time period and/or the scope of this litigation.

To the extent that any Request seeks documents or information which are protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or attorney work-product doctrine, Defendant declines to provide such information. In particular, such information includes communications or correspondence between Defendant and its counsel, both in-house and outside, and documents prepared at the request of counsel and in anticipation of litigation. To the extent that any Request seeks constitutionally or statutorily protected, or proprietary, confidential information or documents, or trade secrets, Defendant also declines to provide such information.

To the extent that any Request seeks information that may constitute an invasion of another employee's right of privacy based upon any statutory or common-law right of privacy, Defendant declines to provide any such information without an appropriate protective order.

Further, it should be noted that Defendant has not fully completed its investigation of the facts relating to this case, has not completed discovery in this action, and has not completed preparation for trial. Therefore, Defendant's responses are based on Defendant's knowledge, information and belief at this time. It is anticipated that further discovery, independent investigation, legal research and analysis will supply additional facts and documents, add meaning to known facts or documents, as well as establish entirely new factual conclusions and legal contentions, all of which may lead to substantial additions to, changes in, and variations from the facts and/or documents herein set forth. The responses

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contained herein are made in a good faith effort to supply as much factual information, as many documents and as much specification of legal contentions as are presently known, but should in no way be to the prejudice of Defendant in relation to further discovery, research or analysis.

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# OBJECTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL REQUESTS

Defendant objects to the Instructions in plaintiff's Requests to the extent they purport to impose obligations greater than those provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure. Defendant's responses will be made in conformity with the California Code of Civil Procedure.

Defendant objects to the Definitions in plaintiff's Requests on the grounds that they are overbroad, vague and unduly burdensome and to the extent that they purport to impose a discovery obligation on anyone other than 7-Eleven, Inc. Defendant objects to these Requests to the extent they purport to seek information outside the State of California.

Defendant objects to plaintiff's Definitions to the extent that any defined term is a legal term of art, defined by statute or at common law and plaintiff's Definition is inconsistent with that definition.

Defendant specifically objects to plaintiff's Definition of the term "YOU and/or YOUR" on the grounds that it is vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. Defendant's responses to the Requests are not being made on behalf of, and do not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "franchisees" or "partners." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOUR EMPLOYEE" is construed to not include employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

Defendant specifically objects to plaintiff's Definition of the term "SALES ASSOCIATE" because it assumes that plaintiff was an employee of 7-Eleven, Inc., which she was not.

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# RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1**

Please produce all STORE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2003.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, codefendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

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Production No. 1 as follows: Please refer to documents numbered 7-ELEVEN-00851 to	
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2003, which contains the Store Franchise Agreement in use at that time.	

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2**

Please produce all STORE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2004.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, codefendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

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Production No. 2 as follows: Please refer to the Uniform Franchise Offering Circular for California for 2004, which contains the Store Franchise Agreement in use at that time. A copy will be produced.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3**

Please produce all STORE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2005.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, codefendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4**

Please produce all STORE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2006.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, codefendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

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Production No. 4 as follows: Please refer to documents numbered 7-ELEVEN-01250 to 7-ELEVEN-01686, which is a copy of Uniform Franchise Offering Circular for California for 2006, which contains the Store Franchise Agreement in use at that time.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5**

Please produce all STORE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2007.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, codefendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of the Store Franchise Agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Production No. 5 as follows: Please refer to documents numbered 7-ELEVEN-00421 to 7-ELEVEN-00850, which is a copy of Uniform Franchise Offering Circular for California for 2007, which contains the Store Franchise Agreement in use at that time.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing any and all FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2003.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 6 as follows: The financial relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing any and all FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2004.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 7 as follows: The financial relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing any and all FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2005.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 8 as follows: The financial relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing any and all FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2006.

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### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9

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7-Eleven objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 9 as follows: The financial relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing any and all FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS between YOU and YOUR FRANCHISEES for the year 2007.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely

to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that such information is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and contains personal and confidential information the production of which would violate the privacy rights of 7-Eleven's franchisees. 7-Eleven further objects to producing copies of agreements actually signed by franchisees other than Michael Tucker on the grounds that retrieving the documents would be unduly burdensome.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 10 as follows: The financial relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. Please refer also to the Uniform Franchise Offering Circular for California dated March 23, 2007. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the BOOK KEEPING services that YOU performed with YOUR FRANCHISEES in the year 2003.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "BOOK KEEPING" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven

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7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 11 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the BOOK KEEPING services that YOU performed with YOUR FRANCHISEES in the year 2004.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "BOOK KEEPING" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 12 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the BOOK KEEPING services that YOU performed with YOUR FRANCHISEES in the year 2005.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "BOOK KEEPING" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 13 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the BOOK KEEPING services that YOU performed with YOUR FRANCHISEES in the year 2006.

### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "BOOK KEEPING" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being

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Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 14 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the BOOK KEEPING services that YOU performed with YOUR FRANCHISEES in the year 2007.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "BOOK KEEPING" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 15 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the PAYROLL SERVICES YOU provided for YOUR FRANCHISEES in 2003.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "PAYROLL SERVICES" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 16 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the PAYROLL SERVICES YOU provided for YOUR FRANCHISEES in 2004.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "PAYROLL SERVICES" and

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franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.		

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 17 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the PAYROLL SERVICES YOU provided for YOUR FRANCHISEES in 2005.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "PAYROLL SERVICES" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

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Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 18 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the PAYROLL SERVICES YOU provided for YOUR FRANCHISEES in 2006.

### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "PAYROLL SERVICES" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 19 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20**

Please produce all DOCUMENTS referencing the PAYROLL SERVICES YOU provided for YOUR FRANCHISEES in 2007.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20**

7-Eleven objects to this Request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous and the definitions of the terms "YOU", "YOUR", "DOCUMENTS", "PAYROLL SERVICES" and "FRANCHISEES" are vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome. 7-Eleven further objects to this

Request on the grounds that it calls for information that is irrelevant to this action and unlikely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. 7-Eleven's response to this Request is not being made on behalf of, and does not include, "anyone acting on its behalf" or its "attorneys, accountants, investigators, partners, co-defendants, and/or representatives." Accordingly, any reference in the Requests to "YOU" or "YOUR" is construed to not include any 7-Eleven franchisee or employees of any 7-Eleven franchisee.

7-Eleven further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad as to time because plaintiff began her employment with Michael Tucker in 2005. Therefore, the information sought in this request is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to, and without waiving the foregoing objections, 7-Eleven responds to Request for Production No. 20 as follows: The relationship between 7-Eleven and a franchisee is set forth in the applicable Store Franchise Agreement. Please refer also to the documents from the OnLine Systems Support Guide (OLSSG) relating to the payroll system, documents numbered 7-ELEVEN-00184, 7-ELEVEN-00210 to 7-ELEVEN-00234. 7-Eleven stands on its objections as to any other information that may be responsive to this Request.

DATED: August 16, 2007

PAYNE & FEARS LLP

By:

Attorneys for Defendant 7-ELEVEN, Inc. a corporation

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# STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the within action; my business address is Jamboree Center, 4 Park Plaza, Suite 1100, Irvine, CA 92614.

On August 16, 2007, I served the following document(s) described as DEFENDANT 7-ELEVEN INC.'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, SET TWO on interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes as follows:

### SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

(BY U.S. Mail) I am readily familiar with my employer's business practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit. I deposited such envelope(s) with postage thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the United States Mail at Irvine, California.

(By Personal Service) I delivered by hand on the interested parties in this action by placing the above mentioned document(s) thereof in envelope addressed to the office of the addressee(s) listed above or on attached sheet.

(By Facsimile) I served a true and correct copy by facsimile pursuant to C.C.P. 1013(e), calling for agreement and written confirmation of that agreement or court order, to the number(s) listed above or on attached sheet. Said transmission was reported complete and without error.

(By Overnight Courier) served the above referenced document(s) enclosed in a sealed package, for collection and for delivery marked for next day delivery in the ordinary course of business, addressed to the office of the addressee(s) listed above or on attached sheet.

(By E-Mail) I transmitted a copy of the foregoing documents(s) via e-mail to the addressee(s).

(STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 16, 2007, at Irvine, California.

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